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A MAN WITH FOURTEEN LIVES.

Was Scalded and Riddled with Bullets. The Bill for His Relief Often Introduced in Congress—A Remarkable Experience—Robert McGee's Story.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 3.—A bill has just been introduced in the senate which recalls the story that Senator Plumb told about the man who is to be benefitted if the law becomes a law. He introduced bills of the same character in the Fiftyth and earlier Congresses, but they failed of signature of the President. The bill, introduced by Senator Vest, is for a pension to Robert McGee, who was scalded by the Indians while in the employ of the government. The story as told the writer by Senator Plumb shortly before his death is interesting and pathetic. In 1864 a slender strapping of a lad, fifteen years of age, came wandering into Leavenworth, Kan., seeking employment. His parents had died en route to the plains of Kansas and he was thrown on his own resources. The times were troublous ones.

Companies were being mustered for frontier service against the Indians, and Robert McGee volunteered and went with the others to Fort Leavenworth to be mustered in, but was rejected because of his youth and diminutive stature.

The base of supplies for frontier posts was then at Leavenworth, and the government was at that time loading a wagon train for Fort Union, N. M., and the contractor, H. C. Barrett, found difficulty in securing teamsters. Among others, Robert McGee was engaged, as he supposed, as a teamster for a government train.

This wagon train was finally equipped, and left Fort Leavenworth July 1, 1864, with an escort of government troops. The wagon train was just eighteen days out on the Santa Fe trail, and had traversed only a little more than 200 miles of the 1,100. There had been insignificant skirmishes with roving bands of Indians, but nothing to cause alarm, and the vicinity of Fort Larned was deemed sufficient protection from serious danger. The day had been hot and the mules and men were tired, so about 3 o'clock on the afternoon of July 3 a halt was called, and the train went into camp. The driver, a mile distant from the wagon train and in full view of it. The outfit should have been on the lookout for surprises, and probably would have been but for the silly tradition that Indians never attack in the full light of day; so the teamsters and outriders prepared to take their ease.

The Brules and Blackfoot Sioux were at that time raiding Kansas, and ruin lay in their wake. The Brules were under the command of Chief Little Turtle. At 4 o'clock of the afternoon of July 13, 1864, 150 Brule Sioux, under Little Turtle, with wild whoops, swooped down from the hills upon the wagon train, and of all the small army of men in its employ, Robert McGee alone came out alive to tell the story. All the others were shot dead as they lay or sat about the mess, and were given time to die before they were killed. The mules went to swell the herds of the yelling demons, the wagon covers were torn in shreds, the flour emptied from the sacks upon the open plain and the wagons were destroyed.

Prey of the Chief.

Robert McGee was attacked by Little Turtle himself and knocked to the ground by one blow of the tomahawk. As he lay there, partially stunned and bleeding, Little Turtle fired two poisoned arrows through his body, pinning him to the ground. Then in a transport of furies McGee took Robert's own pistol and shot him, the bullet lodging in the backbone. Not quite satisfied that he had done a good job, he stooped and running a knife around his head, lifted sixty-four square inches of scalp, trimming it off just back of the ears. Thinking him dead by this time, Little Turtle abandoned him, but others of the band in passing cut him with their knives and poked holes in him with their long knives and spears. The others in the train were killed outright and most horribly mutilated.

After the Indians had done all the deviltry they could, they rode whooping away, and the troops, who from their vantage ground had witnessed the whole business, came up to investigate and ascertain whether the Sioux had been properly met or not by the ill-fated men of the wagon train. In relating the story, Senator Plumb said he was not sure, but he thought that the officer in command of the troops was court-martialed and dismissed, and that he never gave any satisfactory explanation why he failed to come to the rescue of the poor teamsters. The only party they took in the fracas was to bury the dead. When they undertook to put McGee under ground they found a new contractor, who had been scalded and had fourteen distinct wounds, and one of which would have terminated the life of the average man, and besides that he had four minor wounds.

After burying the teamsters the soldiers hastened to Fort Larned, thirty miles distant, where young McGee was taken the care of the post surgeon. It was three months before he was able to be moved. He had during that time fair command of his mental faculties and was able to tell all the incidents of the attack. Harrett, the contractor, who had been scalded and was in Leavenworth immediately on hearing of the disaster that had befallen his train, put in a claim for big damages from the government, and was awarded a sum that made him independent, but he utterly refused to anything for the boy who was the sole survivor of the massacre.

Recognized by the Administration.

McGee's claims were laid before the President, and in October, of 1864, Mr. Lincoln sent him a letter and pass by special envoy, telling him to come to Washington as soon as he was able to travel, and he would see that his wrongs were righted. Gen. Curtis, who was then in command, saw him soon after he was scalded and gave him an attending order to the government for rations and clothing, and Dr. Clark, a surgeon at Fort Larned, recommended in his official report of the case that the Brule Sioux be assessed \$500,000 for the benefit of the man treated last.

When McGee recovered sufficiently to move about, his mind, which had been remarkably clear up to that time, began to cloud, and he became possessed of a desire to hunt Sioux to the pass and one of his friends, a man who was then President Lincoln, and the order given him by General Curtis, were stolen from him, and neither the President nor the army took any further notice of him.

For a dozen years after receiving his pension McGee was a wanderer. He sought the companionship of various tribes of Indians, learning many languages and dialects, friendly to all except the Brule Sioux, of whom Little Turtle was still chief. These Brules he hunted ruthlessly, and when one day it was found that Little Turtle was "wiped out" it was said that the biggest part on McGee's gun barrel marked the full measure of his revenge. A long mark for the chief and nine shorter ones for the nine under chiefs who had been killed last perfectly were, but since the weight of years has been added, it can be noticed that he is falling again.

Not a hair has ever been made to grow upon his head, though he has been the subject of many experiments by eminent surgeons on both continents, and the medical colleges of this country are perfectly familiar with the "man-with-forteen-lives." He is now almost helpless, the result of his injuries, and lives at Excelsior Springs, Mo.

NEW CUMBERLAND EXCITED

Over an Effort to Change the Principals of the Public Schools.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

SIR:—The old town is again in the throes of excitement; this time the public schools is the theme of discussion. Generally when any excitement is brought to the surface there are always opposing sides with discussions pro and con, but in this case there seemingly is but one side. The question is as to whether the present superintendent, Mr. W. H. Gallup, and his very efficient corps of teachers shall be continued or whether there shall be a change. By reason of resignations, removals, &c., &c., the present board of education is composed of men who have been appointed by the county superintendent, and it is averred that they, or at least a majority of the board are not friendly to Mr. Gallup.

Excitement has run high and it has been made so warm that the president of the board has not had the courage to stem the force of public opinion and rather than do the will of the people sent in his resignation.

At this point the board of trade, feeling that the public schools were the strength and bulwark of the town, entered into the matter by calling upon the citizens to assemble next Friday night in a mass meeting and show the board that their action was certainly not in accord with public sentiment. At least 50 per cent of the population was heartily in favor of continuing the schools just as they have been during the past few years. And that any change that might be made would likely be a change for the worse on the board that their action was certainly not in accord with public sentiment. This state of affairs has been brought about through some petty jealousies. Some others would like to fill the places; or, in other words, "the outs want in." The county superintendent has made it a study to appoint men on the basis of party and not in harmony with the present arrangement, hence the general stirring up of affairs. The question ought to be settled at once, and the voice of the people ought to be heard and respected. The board ought to realize that they are there not to make themselves but to do the will of the people.

It is to be hoped that harmony and good feeling may predominate and that the very best shall be done for the school.

"HAWK."
New Cumberland, W. Va., June 3.

TELEPHONE OPPOSITION.

Independent Companies Good Investments in Spite of Old Monopoly Methods and Claims.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: The Bell Company has already begun a vigorous war on the new Carnegie Exchange. It has reduced its rates from \$4 to \$3.50 a year, and special solicitors have been started to work throughout the borough. The Carnegie phone officials are not alarmed, but have let the contract for their plant to the Keystone Telephone Company. The rates charged by the new company have been placed at \$4 and \$15 a year for offices and residences, and a put solicitors to work and expect the people to be loyal enough to the home system to support it. The citizens realize that the Bell reduction is simply to stamp out opposition. One of the obstacles in the way of the Carnegie Company will be discussed at the meeting to-day. It will be ascertained whether the Bell Company will be forced to place telephones in opposition exchanges for the transfer of messages. It is said to have refused to do so in Carnegie, and suit will probably be entered.

The method adopted by the Bell Company to stamp out competition are continually coming to light. W. R. Welant, secretary of the Newark Telephone Company, of Newark, O., writes as follows:

"Independent companies through Ohio are doing fine work, paying good dividends and cutting the Bell rates in half. We have some 500 phones in our little city. Get paid for all of these, notwithstanding the Bell people have, ever since we started, run a free exchange of 400 phones. It does not affect us at all; no more than if they were out entirely."

The Bell claim to discourage the formation of new companies is that all such will soon become defunct, are losing investments and cannot possibly compete with the Bell lines.

Profit Sharing.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 3.—The practical working of a profit sharing scheme as applied to a great paper making business in Grimma, Saxony, are set out in detail by United States Consul onokash at Chemnitz, Germany, in a report to the state department. He says that the experimental period has long passed, and that the established fact and a success. It is a successful answer he says to the heartless joint stock company.

Warning to Tourists.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 3.—European travelers are warned by United States Consul General Judd at Vienna to obey the railroad regulations excluding certain articles from luggage, under severe penalties. He cites the case of a young American who was fined \$12 dollars for having some carvings in his trunk and says that Russia have railway regulations similar to Austria in this respect.

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RACE FOR A METEORITE.

Prof. Dyche and Lieut. Peary Both Claim and Are After It.

TOPEKA, Kans., June 2.—A local paper says: "It is possible that there is an object that does not appear on the surface of the sudden departure for Alaska of Prof. L. L. Dyche, of the Kansas state university. During his northern trip last summer the professor paid a visit while in Greenland to the largest meteorite in the world and immediately announced his determination to possess it. Lieutenant Peary, however, claimed the meteorite by right of discovery, and wanted the professor not to attempt to remove it. As the meteorite weighs dozens of tons, Peary's warning was of necessity heeded at the time, but Prof. Dyche stated distinctly that he intended within a few years to return to Greenland for the meteorite."

Last week the dispatches announced that Lieutenant Peary would sail for Greenland this summer to secure the meteorite. As soon as Professor Dyche can reach Seattle, he too will sail for the north, and it is quite probable that his destination is neither Alaska nor the north pole, but the point in Greenland where the coveted meteorite lies.

Professor Dyche will have the longer route through Bering Straits and the northwest passage but he is a man of great energy and if he has, in reality started on a race for the coveted meteorite, the chances are in favor of a lively race to Greenland.

The meteorite is roughly estimated to be worth \$50,000.

THE TARIFF CONVENTION.

The Resolutions Declared for Taking the Question Out of Politics.

DETROIT, Mich., June 3.—The national commercial tariff convention adjourned at 12:40 this afternoon, after having affected a provisional organization to continue until the next convention, which it was decided to call on the first Monday in December. The affairs of the association are left meanwhile in the hands of an executive committee composed of the same delegates who formed the convention's committee on permanent organization.

At to-day's session the committee on organization recommended that the name of the association be the National Commercial and Industrial Association and detailed plans for its management.

A majority report of the tariff committee was submitted. It simply declares in favor of taking the tariff question out of partisan politics and requests the provisional committee to investigate the subject and frame a bill for the accomplishing of that purpose and to present the same at the next convention of this association.

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Has a Big Job on Its Hands—Arranging for the Convention.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 3.—Sergeant-at-Arms Byrnes, of the Republican national convention, has opened permanent headquarters at the Southern hotel, where he will remain continuously until after the convention. Mr. Byrnes said that he would be kept busy from this time on with the selection of his assistants. He has the appointing of one and the other, during the convention and for these he has received probably 15,000 applications.

Another big job will be the distribution of 5,000 badges. Seven days hence the national committee will meet at the Southern hotel to take up the matter of the contested seats in the convention. There are 170 delegates from the forty-eight states and territories that are in dispute and the convention will have to sit as a court and hear all evidences of both sides and determine who are the rightful delegates.

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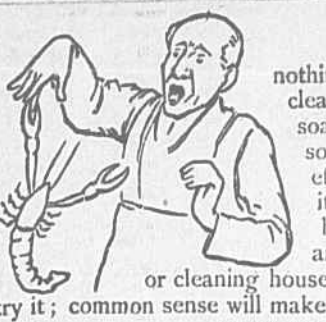
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